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This below as well and Coral from NYT is working on something. Need to get a response to all these reporters as soon as you're able and we'll respond as well.

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By Emily Holden

01/30/2018 11:27 AM EDT

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told an Oklahoma radio show in 2016 that Donald Trump in the White House would be "more abusive to the Constitution than Barack Obama," according to a recording released today by a watchdog group.

On the Tulsa-based "The Pat Campbell Show," on Feb. 4, 2016, Pruitt, who was then Oklahoma's attorney general and an adviser to presidential candidate Jeb Bush, said he wouldn't support Trump.

"I really believe he would use a blunt instrument," Pruitt said of Trump. "This president at least tries to nuance his unlawfulness."

If Trump became president, "he would take, I think, unapologetic steps to use executive power to confront Congress in a way that is truly unconstitutional," Pruitt said.

Campbell said his father saw Trump as dangerous, and Pruitt agreed.

"You know, your dad is very astute because I'll say to you — I think he has tendencies that we see in emerging countries around the world where — he goes to the disaffected — those individuals, and says, look, you give me power and I will give voice to your concerns. And that's a dangerous place to be," he said.

At a Senate hearing, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), who released the audio recording provided by Documented Investigations, asked Pruitt if he recalled the radio interview.






"I don't, senator," Pruitt answered. "And I don't echo that today at all."

*Alex Guillen contributed to this report.*

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